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HALIFAX RELIEF

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After two unavoidable postponements, on account of the elements, the fete arranged by the Straits Chinese community in aid of the Halifax Relief Fund, took place on the Raffles Reclamation at Singapore recently, when, favoured by ideal weather, it was well attended, large crowds, mostly children began to pour into the grounds a little after two o'clock, and soon did justice to the many attractions—such as merry go round, wheel of fortune, sweet stalls and other forms of enjoyment dear to the heart of the little folk.

Music by the S. V. C. band kindly lent by Lieut. Col. Derrick, and the Alhambra Orchestra were much enjoyed as were the parades by over 900 pupils of the Chinese schools, whose flag drill was very creditable, the result of much training.

The Boy Scouts also did good work selling programmes, guarding the grounds and in fact, making themselves useful generally.

H. E. the Governor, accompanied by the Lady Evelyn Young and party attended precisely at five o'clock and spent some time inspecting the various stalls, which contained a splendid array of Chinese and Japanese porcelain and brass ware.

The Hon. the Consul General of China also attended and spent those present were not known copying with very satisfactory results.

At a little after seven in the evening, things became, if possible, more lively, when the adults began to pour in full force, and it was at this juncture that the now familiar flower girls began to do a great trade, netting a considerable sum, their dainty cotton holes being very much in demand.

The only departure from the usual attractions which were so familiar of fete in Singapore were some new departments such as "Le Cabaret a la Singapore" with its "crew" of twenty five enterprising young ladies

supervised by Mrs. A. W. Neubronner, the satay stall and the edible birds nest stall, which were well patronised as also was Mrs. Lee Choon Guan's ever popular Tea stall. The lightning artists and straffing the superman managed by Mr. and Mrs. H.B.W.

Lobb, were a very amusing form of pastime which was much enjoyed. In fact, a very enterprising committee, which knew its work, spared no pains to ensure the satisfaction of visitors and that the latter were satisfied goes without saying.

We are not yet able to ascertain the amount collected but it is safe to say that a very substantial sum, in the vicinity of five figures, will be credited to the fund for the relief of the sufferers in the Halifax disaster. — *Singapore Free Press.*

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Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Village Theatre—8.15

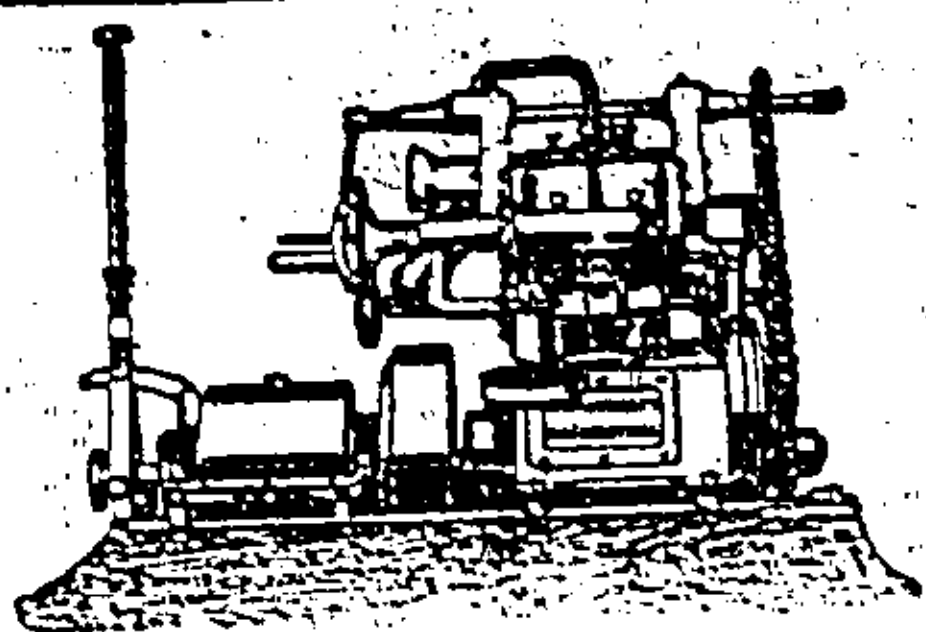
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Cheaper Tin.

London advices to the effect
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£30 a ton, or approximately 7½p a
pound are explained by Straits
metal experts by the fact that the
tin market recently has been
placed under the direct control of
the British Government, placing
tin in the class with copper and
steel as a war metal. It is thought
that the spectacular decline in
price was occasioned by the desire
of speculative holders of tin to
clear out their accounts in anti-
cipation of a standard govern-
ment price for the metal.

Malacca Planters Association.

The annual general meeting of
the Malacca Planting Association
was held recently at the Malacca
Club, Mr. J. W. Campbell presiding.
In the course of his speech, the
Chairman said there had been
a very slight loss on the year's
working. The Committee decided
to drop a claim for \$35,000
as to which there was a dispute
with the Government. The
membership of the Association
now represents 84,725 acres.
Referring to rubber diseases he
said that generally speaking
Malacca was very free from disease
at present but the Director of
Agriculture recommended legisla-
tion on the lines of the F.M.S.
Agricultural Pests Enclosure.
This legislation has now been
promised. It is possible that in
the near future it might be neces-
sary to reconsider their whole
planting policy and carefully
weigh the merits of severe tap-
ping and a more or less definitely
limited life for the tree, as
against more conservative
methods and a much longer life
of the tree. Referring to
contract tapping he said this
undoubtedly gave very high yields
but played havoc with bark
renewal. It was a good system
commercially but had nothing to
recommend it agriculturally.
Referring to restriction of output
the committee had considered
this carefully and had written to
the secretary of the R. G. A. to
the effect that they were ready to
assist the Home Government in
any way in the prosecution of the
war but they felt that the Home
Government could give a clear
indication of their wishes in
the matter; that the method
of making reduction as set
forth was unworkable; and
that if Government considered
that a reduction of crop was
necessary legislation should be
brought in to obtain it. The
committee suggested a better way
would be a measure limiting
tapping to a fixed number of days
per week but it would be neces-
sary to safeguard ourselves against
neighbourhood countries by a
special tax on all rubber import-
ed from non-British countries
for sale in the colony. regard-
ing estate hospitals he expressed
the opinion that the whole
matter should be very care-
fully inquired into before they
were committed to any heavy
expenditure. Referring to Ma-
lacca Roads he said that work on
these was at last making a real
move. Regarding labour there
was no record of the number of
the Chinese entering Malacca but
the Tamil labour force had in-
creased 20 per cent. The speaker
criticised strongly details regard-
ing Kangany licenses. This area
of new ground opened up in
rubber during the year amounted
to 8,813 acres against 44,371 in
1916. Rubber export from Ma-
lacca totalled 270,088 pikuls
valued at \$34,283,470 a slight
decrease compared with 1916.
Dealing with local production of
food he said it was not easy for
estates to help to any great extent
but there was a quantity of padi
land uncultivated which Govern-
ment might have compulsorily
cultivated. The Government
might also devise a scheme for
land settlement of good character
Tamil coolies. In concluding
the chairman mentioned that a
rubber exhibition and sale for St.
Danstan's Home and the Star and
Garter Fund was to be organized.
The report and accounts were
passed. Mr. J. W. Campbell was
re-elected chairman and Mr. E. E.
Smith Vice-chairman. After the
meeting Dr. Bellamy gave an
interesting lecture on Malaya.

GENERAL NEWS.

New Japanese Park.
In May last the work of laying out a new park at Nikko-shima, Osaka, was commenced. The park will be shortly finished, and will be opened to the public from March 15 next. The new park is 6,500 acres in area, and is fitted with many modern appliances.

Accident in Kure Harbour.
In the harbour of Kure, recently the funnel of a naval launch was carried away by a wire cable which it tried to pass under. The destruction of the funnel caused an explosion in the engine-room, injuring two blackjackets severely. One of them soon succumbed, while the other is in a precarious condition.

Britain's Trade Rivals.
What broadly distinguished American from English society was the absence of tradition, said Mr. Gordon Selfridge, presiding on Dec 5th at a meeting of the Aldwych Club. Lack of educational tests was mainly responsible for the contempt in which commerce was held, and he was glad to hear that a University degree in commerce was given in Birmingham and Edinburgh. A similar practice was adopted in America some time ago, and Harvard and Columbia had organised remarkably fine commercial courses. This should be borne in mind in England, for England after the war would have to meet the rivalry of America and Germany, two aggressive countries that held commerce in high honour.

A Chinese Discovery.
According to the Chinese Press an interesting discovery has been made by the Chinese police, who recently found concealed in a house near Lunghua a complete wireless telegraphy outfit. It appears that the owner of the property, a paper merchant living in the International Settlement, purchased four years ago about 12 mow of land for the purpose of establishing there a tomb and shrines for the reception of ancestral tablets. In one of the rooms of a house was discovered a wireless installation concealed in a wooden case, while from another room projected a pole bearing the aerial. The place has been sealed by the authorities who have placed a guard over it and it is reported that the matter will be brought before the International Mixed Court.

Alleged Unsealing of Private Letter.
Mr. O. Weston, an Indian merchant residing in Umede-cho, Kita-ku, Osaka, has filed a complaint in the Minami Police Station against Mr. T. Hiroi, the proprietor of the Kogen Shokwai, a business firm in Kodza 4-bancho, Minami-ku, also of Osaka, on a charge of unsealing a private letter on the 10th instant. The complainant states that he is the Osaka agent of Messrs. A. C. Cassia & Co., Calcutta, India. On the 8th instant a letter was addressed him in care of the respondent's firm by the Indian firm. This letter it is alleged, was unsealed by an employee of Mr. Hiroi without any authority, and then was sent to the complainant through an office boy. The complainant adds that the letter in question contained a draft, and that he would reserve a doubt as to what else had been enclosed in it. Investigations are now being made by the police regarding the responsibility or otherwise of Mr. Hiroi.

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GENERAL NEWS.

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Twenty men in sailor uniforms and two civilians, recently raided the shop of the Pigott printing concern, 83, Pike Street in Seattle, held up the employees and in 10 minutes almost completely wrecked the plant. The *Seattle Daily Call*, a Socialist paper, the *Industrial Workers*, and I. W. W. publication, and other papers are printed in the shop, but their editorial offices are maintained elsewhere. Squads of detectives, police and members of the naval patrol were unable to find the raiders among the crowds of blackjackets on leave in the city.

Pledged Against Hoarding.
The 75,000 members of the 317 women's organizations which are affiliated with the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs have pledged themselves not to hoard food themselves, and to try to persuade others not to hoard table supplies. This action is timely, now that the new crop of sugar is about to come into the market. The food administrators say there will be a reasonable amount of sugar for every family, with a continuous supply in sight, if no person exceeds his three pounds a month. If a fair distribution of sugar can be managed there should be no shortage in the

future, for many thousands of families have been using three pounds a month or less for the whole family. To the excessive candy manufacturing must be ascribed a large part of the enormous sugar consumption of the United States.

100 ton Telescope.
The 100 inch mirror of the new Mount Wilson telescope has safely completed its perilous nine mile ascent of the mountain side and is now securely installed in the observatory, says the San Francisco correspondent of the *Daily Express*. The priceless mirror, which took twelve years to cast and shape and cannot be duplicated in the rough, owing to the war, is expected by many in its explorations of the abysses of space to solve at last the mystery of the canals of Mars to bring no fewer than 100,000,000 new suns into the observer's ken; to advance materially the solution of the mystery of the origin of the universe by determining the nature of the gaseous nebulae, which, science is generally agreed, are unborn worlds—seeds and planets visibly in the making. The mirror weighs four and a half tons, and all sorts of remarkable mechanical precautions have been adopted to prevent any climatic or other interference with the 100 ton telescope of which it forms the most important part.

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Religious Society in Trouble.
Trouble has arisen in the management of the Karosami-kvo, a religious society, the headquarters of which are situated at Onoto, Bizen Province. The society recently ran into debt to the amount of over ¥300,000, and the devotees of the cult have held a mass meeting to vote a reorganization of the present management.

For the Red Cross.
John S. Sargent's portrait of President Wilson for which he received \$50,000, was placed on view at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. It will soon be sent to the Dublin Art Gallery, as the money came from the will of Sir Hugo Lane who was the director of that institution and was lost with the Lusitania. Mr. Sargent asked that price so that he might contribute the entire sum to the Red Cross.

General Goethals' New Position.
Major General George W. Goethals was recently appointed by Mr. Baker as acting quartermaster-general, to serve also as director of the War Department transportation and storage. Wide economies in cars and in shipping charges are expected from this centralization in one agency of functions heretofore exercised by five departmental bureaus independently.

Allen Enemy Mayor Assumes Office.
In spite of efforts to keep him out of the office, Mr. Fred C. Miller, alien enemy, who was elected Mayor of Michigan City in November, was sworn into the office recently. The incident was not accompanied by disorder, Mr. Miller and his supporters having entered the Mayor's office at a time when Martin Krueger, the retiring magistrate, was absent. This does not end

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NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club, will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, the 18th March, 1918, at 5.30 P.M.

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- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1917.
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 - (3) To transact any General Business.
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1918.

FOOD PRICES.

It was not so many days ago that we took occasion to comment in this column on the squeezing propensities of the Chinese retail dealer. Our observations were then of a general character. Since then, information has come to our knowledge which would appear to lend colour to the idea that the compradores have again been in conference with a view to the further exploitation of the public. Many of them, we hear, have circularised their customers to the effect that, in consequence of an alleged shortage of mutton, the price of that very necessary commodity has been advanced as from the 1st instant. Accordingly, the household "book" shows an increase which works out at about four or five cents a pound. In what manner the alleged shortage has been brought about, the compradores say not. Their excuse will probably be that it is "because of the war," or may be the recent earthquake has something to do with the matter. It would be as well, however, if the authorities took pains to investigate the point in order to ascertain whether or not there is any reasonable ground for this fresh imposition.

This question of the price of the meat may not be a very big one of itself, but it is typical of what is occurring in many other directions. It will be recalled that in October last an outbreak of anthrax was reported in the district from which cattle are imported into Hongkong, necessitating the slaughter of many animals, with a resultant shortage. The authorities then intimated that dealers were permitted to raise the price for the various kinds of beef by 15 per cent. "until further notice." There were good and sufficient reasons for the authorisation of that increase, and no-one complained. A couple of weeks later, the Chairman of the Sanitary Board definitely stated that "in a short time" the price of beef would come down, adding that there was then no shortage of cattle. But what are the facts? Since that time, the compradores have gone on charging the higher price, and, though we may reasonably assume that the anthrax outbreak is now a thing of the past, they continue to rake in their extra 15 per cent. profit. Why the Government has not ordered a reversion to the old price, we should much like to know. It would seem that, realising that the authorities are not bothering further in the matter, the compradores have agreed to put up the charges for mutton so that the normal ratio as between the prices of mutton and beef shall be restored, for, ordinarily, mutton sells at a higher rate than beef and the compradores apparently see no reason why, if they can get increased prices for beef, the rule should not also apply to mutton. That, at any rate, is the only explanation we can think of to account for this latest move. And it is quite in line with "the Hongkong way"—prices can go up on the flimsiest pretext, but it almost needs a miracle to bring them down.

Where, we may be pardoned for asking, is the illustrious Food Committee in all this? It was appointed for the specific purpose of periodically fixing prices of foodstuffs, and that it has powers in the matter has been demonstrated by the summoning of shopkeepers for selling above the authorised prices. But it is some very considerable time now since a prosecution of that character was instituted. Why has the Committee lapsed into inaction? Is it asleep, or has it, to continue the Scriptural analogy, gone on a journey? One thing is certain—it is not concerning itself with the very many instances of flagrant profiteering which are apparent to everybody in Hongkong. At home, the profiteer is severely punished. Here he has the whole field to himself. When will the Government good the Food Committee into action? The compradores have had their turn. Surely some solicitude should be this be shown for the long-suffering public.

Street Preaching.

The returns for the past week show that the outbreak of spotted fever has not yet been suppressed, there being over seventy cases, with close on forty deaths, since the last figures were issued. The epidemic is almost exclusively confined to the Chinese section of the population, and we are wondering whether all that might be done is being accomplished to keep the disease within limits. A well-known Chinese resident has informed us that, in his opinion, the epidemic is being aggravated by large crowds gathering to hear street lectures. He states that every night, in practically all parts of the city, groups of hundreds of natives gather to listen to these pavement orators—the very thing that ought to be guarded against at times like the present. Incidentally, it may be added that the lecturers ostensibly discourse on medicine, whereas in reality they indulge in political tirades, mainly directed against the Peking Government and more especially against Lung Chai-kwong. If the facts are as stated (and we have good reasons for believing that they are), it would be as well if the Government employed a few listeners, for we fear that Hongkong is too often used as a base for political propaganda. At any rate, the temporary prohibition of street preaching would be opportune at the moment, and, by enforcing it, the authorities would most likely kill two birds with the one stone.

Hongkong's Lifts.

It has been suggested to us by a reader that in view of the collapse of the matchboxes at the Racecourse, in which so much faith has hitherto been pinned, occasion might be taken to see that due and proper precautions are taken in regard to other conveniences which are in general use by the public. He instances the elevators which are to be found in most of the large offices and hotels in the Colony, and gives it as his opinion that many of these are very seldom examined

are a number of lifts in use, the safety apparatus of which is always clogged with dirt, and adds that some of them are so eccentric in their movements as to suggest that they badly require supervision. Unless this matter is seen to, he says, we may one of these days have a nasty accident occurring. We do not know what steps, if any, are taken to see that the lifts in use here are in good order, but if it should be the case that the authorities do not compel periodical testings, then we think it high time they did.

Germany Unmasked.

Practically ever since the war first broke out, there has been a long succession of exposures in one part of the world or another, showing that in the matter of intrigue our Teutonic enemies are not only past masters at the game but have descended to the very lowest depths in an endeavour to gain unfair advantages. Every week there is being unearthed in America a budget of documents revealing the extent to which seemingly friendly Germans are plotting against the world, and the latest revelations in connection with the Indian conspiracy trial form another object lesson for the democracies of the world to learn. Coincident with emphatic denials that she has no dreams of world conquest and that she is fighting a defensive war, Germany is being exposed as a vast disseminator of revolt, a proceeding not done merely for the sake of embarrassing her enemies but to secure a hold on territories she has long coveted to rule. Mr. F. N. Doubleday recently showed how the menacing hand of Germany was, long before the war, reaching out to the Philippines, and it would easily be possible to give a long recital of other exposures which prove beyond all possible doubt that Germany had seriously aimed at world domination. When one realises what such an event would result in, the war that the Allies are waging takes on the hue of a crusade—a crusade that would keep the world free from the sway of autocracy, under which peoples would be denied natural development and be forced to conform to the dictates of self-glorified potentates.

DAY BY DAY.

THAT HAPPINESS MAY ENTER THE SOUL, WE MUST FIRST SWEEP IT CLEAN OF ALL IMAGINARY EVILS.—Fontenelle.

To-morrow's Anniversary. To-morrow is the second anniversary of America's rejection of the German proposals for the settlement of the Lusitania affair.

The Dollar. The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s 11.7/8d.

Pianoforte Recital. Mr. E. Danenberg's fourth annual pupils' pianoforte recital is to take place at St. Andrew's Hall at 5.15 p.m. on the 20th instant.

Land Sale. Garden Lot No. 52, above Bowen Road, was sold at the P.W.D. offices yesterday. It comprises about 8,000 square feet and was purchased by Mr. E. Newhouse at the upset price of \$400.

The Rat Nuisance. During the week ending February 16 no less than 1,497 rats were caught and examined for plague, and in the following week 1,855 were accounted for. None of the rats gave evidence of plague infection.

For War Charities. Acting on the suggestion of a correspondent, contained in a letter published in our issue of yesterday, an anonymous writer sends us two tickets bought at the Races, redeemable for \$15, to be turned over to the War Charities Fund.

Lecture. The fortnightly meeting of the Union Oratorical Guild will be held in the Lecture Hall, Keady Road, to-morrow at 9 p.m. when a lecture will be delivered by Lieut. Sylvester Lee, the subject being "Births, Marriages and Deaths, in Central China." This lecture is open to the public, and will be the last of the series arranged for this season.

The Colony's Death Rate. The return presented at this afternoon's meeting of the Sanitary Board showed that the death rate of the Colony, for the week ended February 10, was 20.9 per thousand per annum, as against a rate for the corresponding week of last year of 27.1. The rate for the week ended February 17 was 28.00, as compared with 25.3 last year.

Stolen Shoes. A coolie was charged before Mr. A. Dyer Ball, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a pair of shoes from Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. Mr. Hadden, of the firm, spoke to seeing defendant being held by an Indian watchman and the shoes lying on the floor. Robberies were of frequent occurrence of late, but the culprits were seldom caught. Defendant was sent to prison for six weeks' hard labour.

The Spotted Fever Outbreak.

From the Colonial Secretariat we have received the following telegram, dated the 4th March, 1918, which has been received from His Britannic Majesty's Consul General at Bangkok:—"Your telegram of 22nd February, Hongkong declared to be infected cerebro spinal meningitis; all ships leaving subsequently to 2nd March should call at Koh Phra get pratique."

The Colony's Health.

The weekly health return shows that the number of cerebro spinal fever cases which occurred during the week ending March 2 was 71, of which 58 occurred in the City of Victoria and 13 elsewhere. There were 38 deaths. One patient was Portuguese and the rest Chinese. There were also three cases of diphtheria (two fatal), all being Chinese, two cases of enteric (one fatal), one being Indian and one English, one fatal case of scarlet fever (Chinese) and two fatal cases of small-pox (Chinese).

TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending March 2nd, 1918:—

Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 9 weeks.
This Year: ... \$21,068	128,408
Last Year: ... 19,964	128,733
Increase: ... 1,104	1,675
Decrease: ...	

WAR BOND PRIZES.

Draw by Mrs. Lloyd George.

"This is rather an innovation from the standpoint of a commercial house," said Mr. Gordon Selfridge recently when Mrs. Lloyd George drew the winning numbers of the War Bond prizes. The function took place in the Palm Court of Selfridge's, before a small crowd of holders of the lucky vouchers; the dense fog may have prevented a larger attendance. And, possibly, the same cause affected the spirits of those who did come, as there was an entire lack of enthusiasm throughout the proceedings, not a solitary handclap being given when any of the winners were announced. Therefrom it was to be surmised that none of those present possessed tickets bearing the magic numbers.

On the platform was a brown hexagonal tombola, into which the duplicate numbers were placed, a sturdy sergeant being entrusted with the duty of turning the handle. Mrs. Lloyd George, who was accompanied by Lady Markham and Mrs. Henry, took a smiling interest in the proceedings, and at the given moment inserted her hand into an aperture of the "magic wheel" and drew out a number. This was the winner of the first prize of \$500 in the first series of \$200 bonds, the number, as given below, being 10,675. Again the wheel went spinning round, and once more Mrs. Lloyd George withdrew a ticket for the second prize. But the announcement of the number fell quite flat. The wheel of fortune was given one more turn, this time for the consolation prizes, namely, the numbers immediately above and below the first prize number; the lucky first prize winner also won a consolation prize of \$50, as he had bought the ticket No. 10,674.

For the full series of \$200, \$100, \$50, \$20, and the popular \$5 Bonds the winning numbers were as follows:—

\$200 Bonds.	No. 10,675
First Prize, \$500.	No. 10,377
Second Prize, \$200.	No. 10,674
Consolation Prizes, \$50 ...	No. 10,876

\$100 Bonds.

First Prize, \$500.	No. 18,518
Second Prize, \$200.	No. 18,200
Consolation Prizes, \$50 ...	No. 18,519
	No. 18,513
	No. 18,517

In this case, the holder of No. 18,518 also held the four previous numbers, and therefore gained an extra prize.

\$50 Bonds.

First Prize, \$500.	No. 39,890
Second Prize, \$200.	No. 40,542
Consolation Prizes, \$50 ...	No. 39,858
	No. 39,898
	No. 39,891
	No. 39,889

Again the first prize winner held the numbers above and below, and therefore he gets \$600. In consequence of this there were four consolation prizes in that series.

\$20 Bonds.

First Prize, \$500.	No. 263,878
Second Prize, \$200.	No. 227,618
Consolation Prizes, \$50 ...	No. 263,877
	No. 263,879
	No. 263,876

Once more the first prize winner held the number immediately below, and therefore carries off a consolation prize as well. In this denomination there were offered 200 prizes of \$1 each, for which Mrs. Lloyd George drew out the tickets in handbills; the winning number for these will be posted up in Selfridge's.

\$5 Bonds.

First Prize, \$500.	No. 71,717
Second Prize, \$200.	No. 232,430
Consolation Prize, \$50.	No. 71,718
	No. 232,433
	No. 232,422

Thus, the first prize-winner receives \$550, and the second prize-winner holding numbers above and below his tickets wins \$300. In addition to these prizes, there were also offered 750 of \$1 each, the numbers for which were drawn out by handbills by the Prime Minister's wife. Evidently the greater proportion of those present held \$5 bonds, and for the first time a wave of suppressed

THE RACECOURSE CALAMITY.

Alleged Looting of Jewellery.

A Chinese of the coolie class was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing three pieces of gold from the spot where the catastrophe occurred at the Racecourse on Tuesday. The gold was valued at \$9.20.

Mr. McI. Messer, O.S.P., said he was on the spot at about 9.30, when he saw defendant pick up something from the ground near a dead body. He went up to him and seized his right hand found that he had in it a gold button. This was dropped and could not be found again. The ornaments, so far as possible, were put near the bodies they were closest to, but other pieces were put altogether at this time. The Police were in charge of all the bodies and all articles of jewellery, but people were allowed in the ground to identify the victims. Defendant had said he was trying to find a person. He showed witness a card. He might explain that when a person was identified a card was put on the body.

Inspector Sim said the Captain Superintendent of Police, on the morning following the tragedy, handed over defendant to him witness took him a few paces away and searched him. He found two of the three pieces of metal in his pocket.

Defendant said all he could say was that he had picked the gold up from the ground.

His Worship asked him if he could find anyone who would say he was a good man, and defendant replied that there was a man employed as a foreman at a glass factory at Wanchai who would testify to his character.

The case was adjourned in order for the man to appear in Court.

A Chinese member of the Fire Brigade, appeared in answer to a similar charge, of stealing a gold bangle, valued at \$27.30, from a dead body, on the afternoon of the 28th ult. Sanitary Inspector With said he was on duty supervising street watering when the fire started. He went to the spot to see if he could give any assistance and saw defendant and another fireman playing the hose on a heap of dead bodies. Witness saw defendant bend down and pick up something near his foot. He looked at it and then put it in his left breast pocket. He had no power to search him, so he told Inspector Fisher to do so. Defendant left the other man with the hose and wandered away in the direction of the roadway.

Inspector Fisher said he watched defendant some time, and then went up to him before he could mix with the public, and, in Chinese, asked him what he had picked up. Defendant merely said "No." Witness searched him and found the bangle (produced) in his pocket. He was taken to No. 2 Police Station and charged.

The case was adjourned.

excitement seemed to pass over them. As a huge sock, weighing three-quarters of a hundredweight, and containing 200,000 tickets, was emptied into the tombola, one called out "tell the constable to mix them up well, Governor." Mrs. Lloyd George drew out a generous handful, and it was discovered that there were 770 instead of 750 tickets. However, Mr. Selfridge was equal to the occasion, as he smilingly announced that the firm would give prizes for the extra twenty numbers.

In all \$3,378,000 worth of bonds were subscribed for, and the approximate amount of the prize-money works out at 1.7th per cent. It should be added that the firm do not take any brokerage. It is impossible to announce the names of the winners at present, but Selfridge hopes to pay out the cheques before Christmas, if those holding the lucky tickets communicate with them at once, so that their claims may be verified. Meanwhile the winning numbers are posted on the windows of the store, and are published in the Press. The "draw" concluded with Mr. Selfridge's expression of thanks to Mrs. Lloyd George for her courtesy in assisting them.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

It is difficult to believe when we read of the miracles of modern surgery that a little over a century ago there were less than a hundred physicians in London. The apothecaries numbered over 4,000. In those days physicians made coffee houses their rendezvous, and Sir Richard Blackmore said: "I am only a hard-worked doctor, spending my days in coffee houses, receiving apothecaries, or driving over the stones in my carriage visiting patients."

They are telling this story of Sir Douglas Haig. He was inspecting a cavalry troop, and was particularly struck with the neat way in which repairs had been made in some of the saddles. "Very good work," he remarked to the troop sergeant-major. "Who did it?" "Two of my troopers, sir," was the reply. "You're fortunate to have two such expert saddlers in your troop," said Haig. "As a matter of fact, sir," was the reply, "they're not saddlers, in civil life being lawyers." "Well," ejaculated Sir Douglas, "how men who can do work like that could have wasted their lives over law I can't imagine!"

Jack Tar has magnificently got to windward of the multitude of men who smoke. In the matter of tobacco he was always better off than the rest of us: to-day he is the happiest of all the worshippers of My Lady Nicotine. His tobacco is to cost him exactly nothing. Tobacco is one of the items that come to him by way of his monthly "slop chit," and these by recent free kit concession are now what he calls "Harry Freeman." Whitehall says so, and for once the mascot agrees that my lords are all wise.

It is impossible to read without a thrill of pride of the wonders which our airmen are achieving at sea against submarines. Sixteen years ago at a dinner in London to M. Santos Dumont, one of the speakers said: "The Time will probably come when we shall have not only our Foot Guards and our Horse Guards, but our Aerial Guards as well!"—and shouts of laughter greeted the saying. In a private chat Santos Dumont predicted to the writer that aircraft would in time come to be the enemies and masters of the submarine. But even he did not think of aeroplanes; dirigibles were his dream.

For three hundred years the inhabitants of Jerusalem have cherished a prophecy and a hope that their city would be taken by a friendly and benign Power; that it would fall without bloodshed; that the conqueror would enter it on foot and that his name would signify Allah and his prophet. That prophecy has been fulfilled. General Allenby entered the Joppa Gate on foot. There was no bloodshed, and he entered as a friend. Then his name is significant. "Allah" is obviously Allah, and "aby" in the Arabic stands for something very nearly equivalent to prophet or saviour.

If the driver of a motor car is a chauffeur and a pilot of an aeroplane is an aviator, what is the name for the man who work and fight in the Tanks? The French have already christened them. The man in a tank is "a tankard."

A number of officers were crossing from Southampton to Havre to rejoin their units. The boat was a very small one, and accommodation was limited. It was just before dinner, and half a dozen of them were washing at the row of small basins provided for the purpose. Numerous officers were waiting behind to take their turn, and the general result was a scramble. Suddenly the air raid alarm was given, and every officer was immediately turned out. For a moment there was a terrible mix-up, and then a voice cried out plainly: "I say, you fellows—are any of you by any chance washing a face that has a moustache and a rather short moustache?—dashed if I can find it!"

WAR CHARITIES.

Subscription List No. 23.

The following is the latest War Charities subscription list:—

General.	
Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd. Staff (Monthly sub.)	49
Mr. M. Wolters (Monthly sub.)	10
Wong Sin Woon (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. W. Murray Scott (Monthly sub.)	91.60
Mrs. Murray Scott (Monthly sub.)	20
Sir Robert Ho Tung, refund of special War Tax from tenants for 4th quarter 1917	176.52
Two ladies of Quilley Kowloon British School (Monthly sub.)	12
Victoria British School (Monthly sub.)	10
Britishers (Monthly sub.)	100
Sir W. R. Davies (Monthly sub.)	20
H.E. Sir F. H. May (Monthly sub.)	150
Mr. C. Thorne (Monthly sub.)	50
Chief Inspector Kerr (Monthly sub.)	5
Inspector Gordon (Monthly sub.)	3
Sergeant Willis (Monthly sub.)	3
Mr. S. G. Nawal (Monthly sub.)	50
Staff, Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. (Monthly sub.)	150
Mr. V. Bjerre (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. H. Owen Carstensen (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. T. Kring (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. F. E. A. Worsce (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. A. O. Pedersen (Monthly sub.)	5
Ojager Singh (Monthly sub.)	10
Hon. Mr. Oland Severn (Monthly sub.)	50
Staff—Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd. (Monthly sub.)	80
Mr. H. Skott (Monthly sub.)	100
Bishop and Mrs. Linder £10	66.67
Billiard bet per F. Maitland	25
Mr. D. W. Tristman (Monthly sub.)	30
Mr. T. Sutherland (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. L. A. Langland (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. J. C. Wildin (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. A. Chapman (Monthly sub.)	10
Kowloon British School (Monthly sub.)	10
P. & Co. (Monthly sub.)	100
C. B. B. (Monthly sub.)	25
L. N. L. (Monthly sub.)	50
Ladies' working party of the Union Church (Monthly sub.)	50
Mr. E. Irving (Monthly sub.)	10
Collected from the Boxes at G.P.O., Lower Peak Tram Station, Star Ferry Pier and Blak Pier	5.57
M. S. and E. A. G. (Monthly sub.)	10
Staff—G.P.O. (Monthly sub.)	39.35
Staff—Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. (Monthly sub.)	49
Mr. H. Skott (Monthly sub.)	100
Wong Sin Woon (Monthly sub.)	5
Hon. Mr. Oland Severn (Monthly sub.)	50
Chief Inspector Kerr (Monthly sub.)	5
Inspector Gordon (Monthly sub.)	3
Sergeant Willis (Monthly sub.)	3
Mr. G. W. Barton (Monthly sub.)	100
Mr. D. W. Tristman (Monthly sub.)	30
Mr. T. Sutherland (Monthly sub.)	5

Mr. L. A. Langley (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. J. C. Wildin (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. V. Bjerre (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. H. Owen Carstensen (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. T. Kring (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. F. E. A. Worsce (Monthly sub.)	5
Mr. A. O. Pedersen (Monthly sub.)	5
P. and Co. (Monthly sub.)	100
C. B. B. (Monthly sub.)	25
Mr. M. Wolters (Monthly sub.)	10
Staff—Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. (Monthly sub.)	150
Mrs. Murray Scott (Monthly sub.)	20
Britishers (Monthly sub.)	100
Mr. S. G. Nawal (Monthly sub.)	50
Lunch Sweep G.H. Hongkong Police Reserve Club	489.50
Douglas Sweep	332.50
A. H. B. Staff—Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd. (Monthly sub.)	80
Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp (Monthly sub.)	30
Mr. O. G. Alabaster (Monthly sub.)	20
His Honour Mr. H. H. Gompertz (Monthly sub.)	20
Mr. E. Davidson (Monthly sub.)	20
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin	25
Proceeds of Assault at Arms held on 10/12/17 under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve	446
Paupers of St. Joseph's College	105
Orderly	23.17
Sir W. R. Davies (Monthly sub.)	20
H. E. Sir F. H. May (Monthly sub.)	150
Mr. C. Thorne (Monthly sub.)	50
Monthly subscriptions	3,231.50
Red Cross	63.15
The "Court Cards" A lamp presented by Mr. O. F. Croswell, refilled at the Wanchow Customs Club "Toyland"	200.25
Anonymous	20
Staff—General Post Office (Monthly sub.)	19.25
Prisoners of War.	
Mr. A. W. Smith (Monthly sub.)	25
Some members of the Hongkong Club (Monthly sub.)	7.45
N. W. B. (Monthly sub.)	20
Mr. J. N. R. Allan (Monthly sub.)	15
Police, per S. P. F. Boulger H. K. P. & Co. per Sgt. Grimmett	49.90
Mr. A. W. Smith (Monthly sub.)	25
Some Members of the Hongkong Club (Monthly sub.)	11.12
Balance Kowloon Cricket Club "Our Day" Fair	421.09
A Fishermen (Monthly sub.)	50
Proceeds of Sale of Tickets & Sale of Programmes at Entertainment at Peak Club, by Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Stokes	682
Blinded Soldiers & Sailors.	
Messrs. Patell & Co. (Monthly sub.)	25
The Art Needle Work Class of the Helena May Institute	150
Ladies' Bridge Book (Monthly sub.)	20.30
Navy and Dockyard (Monthly sub.)	132.40
Messrs. Patell & Co. (Monthly sub.)	25
Ladies' Bridge Book (Monthly sub.)	18.60
A. M. (Monthly sub.)	5
Monthly subscriptions	240
Pipe Fund.	
Mr. F. G. Becke (Monthly sub.)	10
Soldiers and Sailors Families Association.	
P. J. L. O. (Monthly sub.)	10
Mr. H. A. Nisbet (Monthly sub.)	25

BILLIARDS.

The Hongkong Championship.

Playing in the above competition at the Victoria Recreation Club last night, Ginner J. R. Lord, who was playing Sgt. A. S. H. Barker, gave a really fine display of billiards, and defeated his opponent by 400 points to 119. Lord was in much better form than when he was defeated by Sgt. Tom Pitt in the recent exhibition game, his highest break being 90, this coming to an end very unfortunately, for Lord missed when in a not very difficult position for a cannon. He rooted practically every time he went to the table, and should, on his present form, succeed in getting through the competition and meeting Sgt. Pitt in the Championship match.

The following are the latest scores in the second round of the competition:—
Pokie P. Wong 400, (highest break 50) J. S. Jennings 222.
E. Gaimarac 400, (break 33) Tsang Po Man 361.
A. G. Pile 400, (break 38) C. W. Hart 278.

Dockyard Billiard Handicap.
The final of the Billiard Handicap in connection with the B. N. Dockyard Recreation Club took place last night, the finalists being Mr. A. Pile, (scr.) and Mr. White (rec. 100). After a very close game Mr. Pile won by 250 points to 210. The prizes were later presented by Mr. Kennett, the winners being:—1, (wrist watch) Mr. A. G. Pile; 2, (cane case) Mr. White; 3, Mr. McCarthy; 4, Mr. Parry. On the call of Mr. Stannard a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Kennett for presenting the prizes.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

An Attractive Change of Programme.

Last night there was a most attractive change of programme at Harmston's Circus, many new and novel turns being presented and greatly enjoyed. They included a very clever triple jockey act by Jennie, Willie and Bruce; a smart acrobatic dance by the Martini; shaft-shooting by the de Villiers troupe; a daring single trapeze act by Miss Jennie; a sensational balancing trapeze turn by Moker-jet; and many other arresting features.

Every arrangement is made at the huge circus marquee for the comfort and enjoyment of patrons, and the venue is in a healthy open space. To-morrow a most attractive matinee is to take place.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin D. S. P. (R.) state:—
Equipment Parades.
Men on duty and therefore unable to attend with their respective units will attend instead on Friday, March 15.

No. 3 Company, Etc.
All members of No. 3 Company, Ambulance and Drummers, are requested to attend at the office of Acting Inspector Wei (26, Des Voeux Road Central, above A. Teck and Company) at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6.

No. 2 Company, No. 5 Platoon, No. 10 Section—486 A. Ferreira.

Officers' Families Fund.
P. J. L. O. (Monthly sub.) 10
Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock (Monthly sub.) 30
Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin (Monthly sub.) 25
Monthly subs. 105

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Hon. Treasurer.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1918.

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JAPAN'S MATCH TRADE.

Some Interesting Figures.

The Japan Chronicle says:—Some interesting particulars are given in a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, dealing with the match trade of India as affecting Japan. It says that as a result of the earnest encouragement of the Indian authorities twenty years ago, the industry in India was prosperous for a time. Recently, however, greater business has set in in the import of foreign matches. Thus imports valued at Y3,280,000 in 1904 increased to Y9,220,000 in 1915, and the Indian demand for foreign matches has been yearly increasing, the principal supplies being Japan and Sweden. The following table shows the countries exporting matches to India in 1915 1916:—

Japan	Y7,048,340
Sweden	1,618,550
Norway	456,040
Britain and British Colonies	71,340
Austria-Hungary	—
Germany	11,790
Belgium	17,970
Others	2,370
Total	Y9,220,400

It will be seen, continues the Departmental statement, that since the war started Japan's exports to India have greatly increased, and now cover over 70 per cent of the total imports in India. It may even be said that Japan is almost monopolising the match markets in markets in India. There may be various reasons for the inactivity of the match manufacturing industry in India, but the principal ones are the following:—

- 1.—The lowness of the price of imported matches.
- 2.—The impossibility of obtaining such cheap materials as will enable home products to compete successfully with imports.
- 3.—Owing to high railway charges, heavy expenses are required for the obtaining of chemicals and for the disposal of matches.
- 4.—Heavy expenses necessary for the transport of timber from the places of production to the match factories.

As a matter of fact, Indian match manufacturers are considering ways and means of taking remedial steps on these points. This fact is also worthy of attention on the part of Japanese manufacturers. If Japan takes this opportunity of reducing freight rates to India by means of State protected steamers, the statement concludes, she will be able further to improve her position in the match trade of India.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

NOTICE.

THE TEA DANCE which was to be held on FRIDAY next, the 8th inst., is CANCELLED.
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE 27TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders will be held in the Institution Rooms on FRIDAY 29th March, at 9 P.M.

J. BAKER,
Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

HAPPY VALLEY COURSE.

THROUGH the courtesy of the STEWARDS of the JOCKEY CLUB the Golf Club will be housed temporarily in the Jockey Club Stand, Racecourse.

The Ladies Room situated in the Grand Stand has also been lent for the use of Lady Golfers. Caddies will not be allowed in the Race Club enclosure but will use their Quarters alongside the old Club House.

To prevent any abuse of the hospitality of the Stewards of the Jockey Club Members must strictly observe the special conditions concerning the regulating of Caddies and other matters which will be posted on the Club Notice Board.

The Jockey Club Room will be open for Golf Club Members on WEDNESDAY next, the 6th inst.

By Order of the Committee.
JOHN BENTLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Firm of A. R. Marty, Rene Salle Succesor, has from the 12th February, 1918 sold to Messrs. P. A. Lapicque & Co., the ss. "Hanoi" which insures the Postal Service between Hongkong and Haiphong, and also the right to use the name of A. R. Marty, Compagnie de Navigation Tonkinoise.

The business will hereafter be carried on by Messrs. P. A. Lapicque & Co., 4, Queen's Building, Telephone No. 950.
P. A. Lapicque & Co.
Maison, A. R. Marty,
Rene Salle, Succr.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1918.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1918, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1918, until SATURDAY, the 23rd March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1918.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Enemy Questions and Local Issues.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held at 4 p.m. to-day, and is proceeding as we go to press.

Happy Valley Calamity. Prior to the commencement of business, the Chairman (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) moved the following resolution:—"Resolved that this Chamber desires to record its deepest sympathy with the relatives of all those who perished or were injured in the terrible catastrophe at Happy Valley on the 26th of February." He said:—"The resolution needs no words from me to commend it to your support—the horror of the tragedy is so fresh in our memories and will take so long to fade away, if it ever does, that I am sure it will meet with your unanimous approval. I suggest that we can best show our approval of the resolution by rising and standing for a space in solemn silence."

Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded, and the motion was carried by those present standing.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Portuguese Consul, the Japanese Consul and the chief of the Indian community.

The Chairman's Speech.

In his address to the members, the Chairman said:—"Gentlemen, the report and accounts of the Chamber for 1917 having been in your hands for some days, I propose with your permission to take them as read, but before formally moving their adoption I desire briefly to refer to the salient features of our year's work. A close study of the very voluminous report must have convinced you all of the enormous mass of work and correspondence which the past year has involved on the part of your Committee and staff, which easily constitutes a record in the history of the Chamber. It could not have been accomplished but for the loyal and devoted assistance rendered by the various sub-committees; more especially the 'Insurance' committee which sat for many weeks over the 'Insurance Bill' and the very efficient and painstaking service of our Secretary and his staff whose labours grow yearly more exacting. I desire also to record the valuable service rendered to the Chamber, during my enforced absence, as representative on the Legislative Council and acting Chairman of the Chamber by Mr. S. H. Dodwell. I must also mention our appreciation of the valuable assistance given us, from time to time, by the Government and the sympathetic manner in which most of our proposals have been received and acted upon; notably the request for legislation in connection with insurance evils and protection against claims where contracts have been clearly interfered with by war regulations at home, and, in this connection, it is only fitting we should record our appreciation of the unfailing energy, tact and courtesy we have received at all times through protracted negotiations at the hands both of the Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. E. Kemp, and the Colonial Secretary. Nor should we forget the invaluable assistance given us by the Superintendent of Exports and Imports, whose labours, under the limitations of staff and space, command our respect and sympathy. The Chamber was compelled to protest during the year against the undue delay in securing export permits for metals from this Colony to America, which still continues, though it is clear that the delay occurs in London, and now that the United States of America have joined the Allies, it is astonishing that such serious delays should continue, since they prove a considerable handicap to British trade and are strongly resented by America. There have also been cases where the Chamber has unfortunately been unable to see 'eye to eye' with the Government and, being

the guardians of commerce and thus of the Colony's interests, has fearlessly said so, and I cannot help regretting that on the few occasions that this has proved necessary, the Government has invariably taken up an unyielding attitude which cannot be too strongly deplored, since both are, we presume, endeavouring to obtain the best results for the Empire.

Return of Local Volunteers after the War.—Early in the year the Chamber addressed the Government on the return of local Volunteers medically discharged or on the cessation of hostilities, urging that the fullest assistance should be given to what is really highly specialised labour of great economic national value, to return to former occupations in the East, should the men so desire, at the earliest possible moment. The Government promised its active support and further negotiations with the Home Government are now proceeding. A register of the employees of firms here, now serving on the various battlefronts, is kept by the Chamber, which will gladly do its utmost on application to secure the prompt return of men not fit for further service.

Piece goods clause.—The adoption of a "Piece-Goods clause" limiting the clearance of "Fancies" goods to four months, after which interest will be charged, marks a step in the right direction, and will, we hope, in time lead to the elimination of the abominable long clearances and interest loss on piece-goods in general. It has only been possible because the German firms who introduced the long-credit methods, have now been definitely closed down and a cash basis for all business re-established here. It has already produced a healthier state of trade through the prevention of highly speculative buying and consequent over-trading. To those who feared that the closing down of German business in the Colony would be injurious to its economic interests, it is worthy of note, that whilst the commencement of the war, including German Hong Kong, there were 148 members of this Chamber, the year just closed records a membership of 163, nor does the Chamber subscribe to this Government's view that the return of German firms to this Colony, is in any way necessary and again records its unaltered conviction that they should not be allowed to do so, save under such terms as will afford complete control over all their actions.

We welcome the establishment of the "Impartial Trust for the encouragement of Scientific and Industrial Research," whose efforts are already beginning to bear fruit, and have followed with profound interest the further deliberations of the "Impartial Council of Commerce" whose latest pronouncements tend more and more to support this Chamber's views on post-economic trade—war against our German enemies.

Insurance Deposits.—The legislation in connection with "Insurance deposits" foreshadowed in the Chairman's speech last year, after protracted negotiations in which the fullest consideration was given to all interests concerned, culminated in the passing of "The Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917" on the 27th of December last. It should result in checking the "mush-room" and financially insecure and unscrupulous Companies, which were recklessly increasing by leaps and bounds, to the detriment of all sound business and the danger of the insured.

Your Chamber has reason to be proud of the small part that it took in attempting to secure redress for both Services here from the severe hardship entailed by the ever-advancing dollar. It is astounding, but true, that telegram upon telegram from all sources, and an offer on behalf of the Colony to bear the burden of the difference in order that the hardship might be immediately relieved, remained unanswered. Months after, and only at the very end of the year, some relief was given, which, whilst it has benefited the rank and file, leaves the hardship as far as officers, and particularly junior married officers are concerned, almost as acute as ever.

Hongkong Defence Corps Camp.—You will, no doubt, have read with deep interest the correspondence between your Chamber and Government on the subject of the Hongkong Defence Corps Camp. Under the conditions originally announced by the authorities, it was impossible to carry this out without serious injury to the commerce of the Colony, and your Committee, therefore, felt it incumbent upon them to make the strongest possible protest, and did. Modifications resulted and the Camp became possible without the menace to trade interests so evident before. It is unnecessary here to enter again into the controversy as to whether it was necessary and justifiable on the ground of expense or not; all will agree that it was, at any rate, a partial success, due to the tact and administrative energy of the Commandant of the Defence Corps, Major Morgan; and so long as the Government and Military Authorities give due regard to the commercial necessities of a port which exists only through and for commerce, this Chamber may be counted on to loyally support any really necessary military measures decided upon. You will further notice that the Chamber protested in the strongest manner against the declaration of two additional Bank Holidays in order to facilitate attendance at this Camp. The holidays were not required, nor for the most part observed, and by the general public they were resented as a further dislocation of trade—already terribly handicapped—through the arbitrary closing of Banks, Insurance offices, and last, though not least, the Post Office. Nor do the annals of the Chamber contain another instance of the declaration of a public holiday against the Chamber's advice. In this connection we would urge the Government to make arrangements for the Post Office to remain open on all Bank and Public Holidays, save Christmas Day and China New Year's Day until 12 o'clock, since it would prove a great convenience in these days of uncertain mails which the public would much appreciate and would undoubtedly be of very considerable assistance to the trade of the Colony.

Volunteer Firemen.—Alarming recurrent fires led the Fire Insurance Associations to address the Chamber on the serious condition of the regular Fire Brigade, due, it is alleged, to its being undermanned and lacking in necessary modern appliances. The immediate release of volunteer firemen from all military duties, save the annual Musketry Course, was urged, and, after weeks of delay, was partially conceded, though we are still of the opinion that in view of the admitted depletion of the regular Brigade, volunteers should be attracted and encouraged by the granting of the full concessions asked for.

The inadequate water supply at Happy Valley, and the want of preparation for dealing with fire which led to the terrible catastrophe exactly a week ago, will, no doubt, be the subject of the most searching investigation at the Coroner's enquiry now going on; for nothing short of this will satisfy public demands, and, whatever the shortcomings of the past, they must be exposed and safeguarded against for the future.

Language School.—The Language School has made steady and most satisfactory progress, several students already speaking colloquial Cantonese fairly fluently. The success achieved under the limitations occasioned by depleted staffs amply justifies the experiment and augurs well, not only for the future of the school, but also for its ever-increasing influence on the trade of Southern China, and we trust that in the interests of British trade, in post-war days, all firms will insert in their agreements a clause making the full Cantonese or Mandarin course in the Chamber's school obligatory upon any new arrival from home. The Committee desires to record their appreciation of the conspicuous zeal, ability, and readiness with which the Director, Mr. Bay, Dr. P. J. L. D., has conducted this work, and to add their congratulations on the well-

COMPANY REPORT.

The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., will at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders, to be held on 23rd inst., recommend the following allocation of profits:—

To write off Deep Water Bay buildings and machinery	\$15,000.00
To pay a Dividend of 80-cents-per-share	320,000.00
To pay a Bonus to Staff	14,284.33
To place to Reserve Fund	35,000.00
And to carry forward to credit of next year's account	114,763.77
	\$499,048.10

devered honour so recently bestowed upon him by the Hongkong University.

Customs Tariff.—The Customs Tariff Commission now sitting in Shanghai has our best wishes that its deliberations may result in a tariff which, whilst just to all, will lead to a considerable increase in the revenue of China and, at the same time, achieve the complete elimination of the obnoxious duties which so seriously hamper trade in the interior of China to-day.

In this connection it is pleasing to be able to record that a recent member of this Committee—Mr. Q. E. Anton—is now serving as a member of this Commission.

German Propaganda in China.—Evidence of continued enemy propaganda and intrigues have again and again come before your Committee during the year, though, for obvious reasons, they cannot be referred to here in detail. They have been strongly represented by your Committee to the British Minister in Peking, the Government here and to the Home Government through the London Chamber of Commerce, with the appeal that possible should be done to persuade the Central Government of China to expel all Germans from her territories, and until this is accomplished, we feel that the peace of China so essential to the development of her vast and rich resources is likely to be indefinitely delayed.

Tonnage.—On the whole, and notwithstanding the handicaps of the world-wide war and inter-neous strife in China, there is reason for gratitude that the trade of South China, was so well maintained during the period under review, but the limitations of home-made freights both via the Pacific and especially to Europe, resulting from increased requisitioning of ships for food cargoes, points to still more difficult times ahead, and at the moment besides great quantities of other general cargo, there is over three million dollars worth of raw silk packed and awaiting shipment from Canton to France, and the immediate future of the Canton silk industry is so seriously threatened that both the Hongkong Government and this Chamber are devoting every effort to relieve the situation, though at the time of speaking no definite results have yet been obtained.

In conclusion, I cannot help expressing the fervent hope that the great Republic of China, with whom our lives and interests are so closely allied, may soon emerge from the strife and civil war which has been her unhappy lot for so many months past, for by mutual compromise, if needs be, the South shall again agree with the North and for the good of all, recognise one Central Authority—that a strong and stable Government may emerge consisting of men whose common aim is to protect their country's interests, preserve her from disintegration, develop her rich resources by the opening of our coal and other mines and ever seek to improve methods of communication and transit till she takes her destined high place by right in the Councils of the world.—(Applause.)

THE GRESSON STREET AFFRAY.

An Eye-Witness's Story of What Happened.

The hearing was continued at the Police Court this morning of the case in which a Chinese is charged with the murder of Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clarke in the Gresson Street affray. Dr. McKenny said prisoner was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on the day of the Gresson Street affray. He was suffering from a bullet wound through the upper lip. The bullet had also entered the upper jaw and broken the palate. There was also a bullet wound at the lower extremity of the breast-bone. This had passed between the right and left lung and lodged in the chest between the breast-bone. There was a bullet wound in the foot, but this was not of importance. He operated on the patient. The operation was for a twofold purpose—for remedying the condition of the jaw and to discover if injury had been done to the liver. Prisoner was discharged from hospital on February 1. He was put into the Gaol Hospital the same day, and had since been under his (witness's) care.

Prisoner complained that when he laid down on his right side he felt pain. Dr. McKenny said he had made no complaint to him, but it was probable that when he walked he did feel a little giddy.

Ching Kam, the Chinese detective who gave evidence yesterday, was recalled and said that when Inspector Sim arrived, shots were still being fired on the second floor of No. 6. Witness remained watching from 11.35 until 11.40, when a number of constables arrived from the Central Station. The door of the ground floor of No. 6 was pushed open and they entered. Witness also went in. Prisoner was still lying in the street. Shots were being fired, but witness did not actually see anybody. Witness said to the others "It is not safe to stay here." Sergeant Murphy instructed witness and another detective to arrest prisoner. This was done, he being placed into a ricksha and taken to the Central Police Station. Sun Tai, another Chinese detective, said he went with a party of police to No. 6 Gresson Street, arriving at 11 o'clock. The party consisted of two European officers and nine Chinese. The party had a search warrant which was carried by Inspector O'Sullivan. He did not know whether Inspector O'Sullivan or Sergeant Clarke were armed. He was armed with an automatic pistol, and he had previously ordered all the Chinese Constables to take arms and they said they would, but he could not say whether they all did or not. When the party arrived he could not say who entered the staircase first. On the first floor there was a bridge and when they got up to this he saw Ching Kam, Kwong Sang, and Lo Hoi on the first floor. Witness saw two persons smoking opium in the front sitting room. One of the two men he knew before that day. His name was So Yuchai. Inspector O'Sullivan was following close behind. He believed Sergeant Clarke had gone up to the second floor. In a cubicle he saw a man, two women and a small girl sitting down. He did not take any notice of them. He entered another cubicle and saw two men lying across a bed, and a third man sitting on the same bed. In from the strife and civil war which has been her unhappy lot for so many months past, for by mutual compromise, if needs be, the South shall again agree with the North and for the good of all, recognise one Central Authority—that a strong and stable Government may emerge consisting of men whose common aim is to protect their country's interests, preserve her from disintegration, develop her rich resources by the opening of our coal and other mines and ever seek to improve methods of communication and transit till she takes her destined high place by right in the Councils of the world.—(Applause.)

Prisoner said he was searched by witness and Inspector O'Sullivan. He told him to put on his long coat. The two men on the bed hit the witness and he (prisoner) was hit too. He was a bit silly at the time, because he felt a little faint. The last witness ran into the street and he followed.

The hearing was continued this afternoon, when his Worship rose soon after four o'clock for tea and sat until a late hour.

Evidence was given by Mr. Henry Hamson, a marine engineer on board one of the Canton steamers, also a member of the Police Reserve, who stated that he was on a tramcar when he heard of the affray. He found Gresson Street deserted and later procured a revolver from Wanchai Police Station. On returning to Gresson Street he joined the other police there and later he went with others on to the first floor of No. 6. They traced blood stains into the back of the house, where they found an old Chinese woman, whom they questioned. She said nobody else was there. In the back cubicle they saw the two Europeans; apparently dead. They saw two feet more under a bed and both Revenue Officer Watt and himself fired. Then someone called out and Mr. Watt entered the room and helped the detective out. He told them that he had been previously shot and that the shots they had fired had not hit him. After the police

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

Some Interesting Contests Arranged.

In connection with the boxing tournament, under the auspices of the Hongkong Police Reserve, which it is proposed to hold this month, we are asked to announce that intending competitors in the novice competitions should intimate to Inspector Wildin their desire to enter not later than Friday next, March 8th.

In connection with the same entries have been received from Corporal Heath, R.E. and Private Thomas, Middlesex, both light weights, and from Lance-Corporal Ford, of the Middlesex, heavy weight. If sufficient entries are forthcoming in the novice competitions, the following three contests will be arranged:—Gunner Kamberton, R.G.A., v. Snapper Stanley, R.E.; both heavy-weights who will go a ten rounds contest; an eight rounds light-weight contest between Snapper Stanley, R.E. and A.B. Neil, R.N.; and a six rounds bantam-weight contest between Corporal Snabb, Middlesex, and Pat O'Keefe, of the mercantile marine.

Stoker Barclay, R.N., issues a challenge to anyone in the Colony at 11st. 4lb. for a contest, number of rounds to be arranged.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes as follows:—

In connection with the murder of Ching Pih-kwong many persons are being kept in custody on suspicion, while some of those who attended the dinner party given by the head of the Torpedo Department, along with fifteen students, have been arrested and are to be tried in the Tanchon's yamen before a number of naval officials.

On the fall of Yangkong, the Authority has asked Li Liah-kwan to be the Commander-in-chief on the western front. He will attack the city and also Kowchow and Leishaw (the three cities) along with the other commanders.

A new bullet-proof sedan chair invented by Li Liah-kwan, has been completed by the maker, according to order. During the tests ten rounds from an automatic rifle were fired into it and not a single bullet pierced it. It is reported that the sides of the chair are made of interwoven human hair, covered with pieces of bamboo arranged in the form of fish scales.

Cerebro spinal meningitis has appeared in the city, and the Italian Consul has written to the press requesting it to advise the people to keep their premises clean.

CEYLON'S NEW CHIEF JUSTICE.

Sir Anton Bertram, K.C., Appointed.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Anton Bertram, K.C., Attorney General, to be Chief Justice of Ceylon on the retirement of Sir Alexander Wood Ranton.

Sir Anton Bertram came out to Ceylon seven years ago from Cyprus, where he held a Pasha Judgeship. He had previously held the appointments of Attorney General, Bahamas; Acting Colonial Secretary, Bahamas; and Officer, Administering, the Government of the Bahamas.

Sir Anton Bertram is 40 years of age, and draws a salary of £1,450. As Chief Justice he will receive £2,250.

been put into a motor car. Dr. Salomon went to the cubicle and pronounced the two Europeans dead. On the top floor they found a number of Chinese women and the people in the upper parts of the house were not to shoot. The hearing is proceeding.

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BRITISH FLYERS: I.

Some Incidents of the War.

There is a song, of which the British soldier never seems to tire, whose fourth verse goes like this:- "Four men went to Moscow, three men, two men, one man (and his dog) went to Moscow."

The other verses are equally entertaining (differing only in the number of men engaged), the tune is a simple one, and by, say, the forty-second verse even the novice is familiar with both words and music, and ready to join in. Ask one of your friends in the Army to give you the air, and then try it for yourself. Just now I am going to tell you quite a different story; the story of four men who "went to bomb, went to bomb a hanger". It is as typical of the British Army as the song.

The four men set out to "do their damndest" to a certain German aerodrome. No. 1 dived on to the aerodrome to about 300 feet, got into line with a row of machines all spread out ready for him, and dropped his bombs on them. Having got to the end of the line (and also to the end of his bombs) he swooped up and dived again. He had no bomb now, but he had a machine gun, and he sprayed the line lovingly with bullets. "My emergency tank was shot this time," he says carelessly in his report, so the Germans had evidently got busy. However he "went round again and repeated this action" a third time, just for luck, and then steered for home. This may have finished his official job of work, but on his way home—however we must get back to the Aerodrome, which is what we are concerned with at the moment.

No. 2, following No. 1, went down to 400 feet and dropped his bombs, and saw them all explode in front of the hangers. He then went round the aerodrome at 200 feet, firing his machine guns into the hangers and at a machine-gun crew—presumably the one which had disabled No. 1's emergency tank. "The machine-gun crew," says No. 2 modestly "ceased fire while I was firing at them." One

doesn't blame them. Some of the crew, no doubt, ceased fired for a long time afterwards as well. He then turned for home, and had further adventures, both on his own and with No. 1. Let us leave them and follow No. 3. No. 3 gives more particulars: that line of aeroplanes drawn up so thoughtfully by the Germans consisted of four scouts and one Gotha. One of them (evidently annoyed by No. 1's attentions) tried to make off, so No. 3 fired a few rounds at him. "He dived straight into the ground and crashed." Whereupon No. 3 proceeded to drop his bombs on the four remaining ones. He had got three bombs off when a bullet hit his petrol tank. (What was No. 2 doing to allow this?) He switched on to his emergency tank, but was only 150 feet up at this moment, and the engine could not pick up in time. So he landed gracefully on the nice German aerodrome, picked up, and flew off again—which seemed to be rubbing it rather unkindly on that line of stationary German machines. One of them, however, had just made an upward move of sorts, as the result of No. 3's last bomb. No. 3 had leisure when on the ground to notice his bomb exploding in the middle of it.

No. 4 followed No. 3. It was the hangers' turn for attention, so No. 4 dropped three bombs on them. He then turned and dived on to the line of aeroplanes, and sprayed them with bullets; "these were bombed a few minutes afterwards," he says. That was by No. 3, of course.

How long did all this last? Not very many minutes, actually but quite long enough for that aerodrome. One of its aeroplanes had risen and crashed; one had been blown up; the others had had a liberal supply of bombs and bullets; so had the hangers; so had the machine-guns. One may say without exaggeration that it was not such a nice aerodrome when those four men flew away, as it had been half an hour before. "Yesterday we bombed an aerodrome," says the official report, but you see, it is really a much better story than—"A.A.M."

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The Parcel Post Services to British East Africa and Egypt (except for members of the Expeditionary Forces), and to Abyssinia, Bagdad, Ethiopia, French Somaliland, Italian Somaliland, Portuguese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia have been suspended.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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The Public are informed that the new regulations adopted by the French Customs insist that senders of parcels addressed to France, Corsica and Algeria must fill in the columns of the regular Customs declaration particularly and exactly, omitting none of the headings comprised therein.

It is furthermore absolutely necessary to show in the aforesaid declaration (1) The full name and address of the addressee (2) A statement as to whether the contents are intended for State supplies or not.

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Satanok, Shatin and Sheung Shui.—Week days, 4 p.m.
Aberdeen, Antau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, San Tin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.
Canton, Szechuan, and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m.; Registration 5 p.m.; Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.
Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.
Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays, Sundays, 5 p.m.
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Kowloon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 5 p.m.
Kumchee.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 5 p.m.
Lanting.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.; Holidays, 5 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 5, 11h. 37m.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok.

An anticyclone is again central over N. China; pressure has increased slightly over that region and has decreased slightly elsewhere.

Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China Coast, and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.03 inch against an average of 3.41 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Beach	N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	N. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
March 5, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Force	Weather
Vostock	6a						
Nagasaki	5a						
Tokio							
Kobe							
Nagasaki							
Yokohama							
Shanghai							
Amoy							
Singapore							
Penang							
Calcutta							
Rangoon							
Batavia							
Sourabaya							
Manila							
Cebu							
Iloilo							
San Francisco							
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Paris							
Berlin							
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Reykjavik							
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C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 5, 1918.
1. Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Humidity, in percentage of saturation.
4. Direction of Wind, to two points.
5. Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q equally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day On date	On date
Barometer	30.10	30.09
Temperature	67	61
Humidity	67	71
Wind Direction	E. CALM	E.
Force	4	0
Weather	b	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Lightest open air temperature on the 24h	61	54
Lowest		

H.K. Observatory, Mar. 5, 1918.
T. F. CLAYTON, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

From 4th Mar. to 10th Mar.

High Water	Low Water
4th Mar.	4th Mar.
5th Mar.	5th Mar.
6th Mar.	6th Mar.
7th Mar.	7th Mar.
8th Mar.	8th Mar.
9th Mar.	9th Mar.
10th Mar.	10th Mar.

in morning, a afternoon.

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